

# Seeking Evidence of *Excellence*

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### *The Rule of Five; the Power of More! Essentially guaranteeing the success of every student*

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Derek Peterson is an international child/youth advocate. His full spectrum approach (Integrative Youth Development™) to youth development allows parents, teachers, youth development professionals, practitioners and researchers to find the common ground that exists across most of the current theoretical youth development/effective teaching frameworks.

Between 1995 and 2004, Peterson served as the Director of Child/Youth Advocacy for the Association of Alaska School Boards. Derek was a leader of a team who raised millions of dollars for their statewide initiative – called Alaska ICE (Initiative for Community Engagement.) In addition to securing long term, stable funding, millions more were “redirected” within partner agencies to support the vision of “connection rich” kids”. Derek’s work has impacted every school district in Alaska, and their reform efforts to meet the standards set by No Child Left Behind. There is solid data that his efforts have increased student achievement and reduced risk behaviors among teens.

Today, Derek sits on the board of directors of The National School Climate Council ([www.schoolclimate.org](http://www.schoolclimate.org)), the board of the Civic-us.org (a Youth Development foundation in Nashville, TN) and is on the advisory board of PassageWorks (the Soul of Education group in Boulder, CO.) Derek is the cofounder of the International Center for Student Support in Missoula, MT. In October of 2010, he began an 18th month contract with the Arizona School Boards Association to “engage the community in essentially guaranteeing success for and decency in all of Arizona’s students”.

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